

NO. 5:17-CV-135-FL


Defendant.

ORDER

In this case, plaintiff has not made the requisite showing of a likelihood of success on the merits. In particular, state bar disciplinary “proceedings are of a character to warrant federal-court deference” pursuant to Younger v. Harris, 401 U.S. 37 (1971). Middlesex Cty. Ethics Comm. v. Garden State Bar Ass’n, 457 U.S. 423, 434 (1982); see Gilbert v. N. Carolina State Bar, 660 F. Supp. 2d 636, 645 (E.D.N.C. 2009) (dismissing federal constitutional claims seeking injunctive

relief regarding disciplinary proceedings against North Carolina State Bar); Sutton v. N. Carolina State Bar, No. 5:14-CV-243-BR, 2014 WL 4546017, at *4 (E.D.N.C. Sept. 12, 2014) (same). Accordingly, plaintiff's motion for temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction is DENIED. In addition, plaintiff is DIRECTED to show cause, within 21 days of the date of this order, why this action should not be dismissed pursuant to Younger.

SO ORDERED, this the 21st day of March, 2017.


LOUISE W. FLANAGAN
United States District Judge